

OLD DEAN OF ST PAUL/S DEAD
[13TH FEB

was the first inventor of bottled ale, for leaving a bottle of ale (when fishing) in the grass he found it some days after no bottle but a gun, such was the sound at the opening thereof

16th February INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FLEET

Sir Richard Leveson shortly puts out to sea with a fleet of nine ships, being the *Repulse, Garland*, wherein Sir William Monson goeth as Vice-Admiral, *Defiance, Mary, Rose, Waspite, Nonpareil, Dreadnought, Adventure*^ and a carvel. He is instructed to intercept and attack the Spanish fleet intended for Ireland, but if he fail to meet them then to repair to the Spanish coast to discover what preparations are making and to intercept such provisions as are sent thither, but not to molest the French since the French King has given his word that the enemy shall not be supplied from his country. Then he shall endeavour to obtain some profit towards the maintenance of her Majesty's great charges by taking either the outward or the homeward Indian fleet. He is victualled for five months

20th February PARSONS' ANSWER TO THE SECULARS

Parsons hath written a book entitled *A brief apology, or defence of the Catholic Ecclesiastical hierarchy and subordination in England*, which is set forth^e for the true information and stay of all good Catholics by priests united in due subordination to the Right Reverend Archpriest, and other their Superiors*. Herein he sheweth how greatly the Catholics are injured by these contentions, and how pleasing and profitable to heretics discourseth at large upon the stirs at Wisbeach and Rome; and answereth the particular calumniations of the former books

written by the secular priests.

Defendeth also equivocation, saying that doubtful speech or amphibology (as the doctors call it) is handled largely by all divines, and not only allowed but judged necessary in divers cases for avoiding lying and other inconveniences, which amphibology, or hiding the truth by prudent dissimulation, is held lawful in four general matters, viz, in covering the secrecy of confession, in divers cases of examinations both of witnesses and divers accused before judges, when it may concern the hurt of God's service or danger of our neighbours, about the external confession of faith and obligation therein But, saith